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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is nearing completion across the State, slightly behind last year and the five-year average. The alfalfa harvest remains active. Alfalfa conditions are mostly poor to fair. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa growing areas of the State. Small grain planting is continuing across the State with at least a third complete.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping broccoli, cabbage, greens, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, various lettuces, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending January 11, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon to 5 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 79 degrees at Douglas, and the lowest reading of -4 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 22 stations. Tucson received the most at 0.38 inches of precipitation and Grand Canyon and Phoenix received the least with 0.03 inches. Tucson is the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received precipitation throughout the month of December. The first half of December saw above normal temperatures and the second half had mostly below normal temperatures. With the fluctuation in temperatures throughout the month, range and pasture conditions remained fair to good on average. Arizona cattle and calves continued in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate but soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair for all elevations. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies remained mostly adequate. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly good. High to mid elevation conditions were good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly good across all elevations. Cattle and calves remained in mostly good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
January 5, 2009 - January 11, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	47	-2	70	27	0.00	0.00	-0.36	0
Buckeye	50	-3	70	30	0.00	0.02	-0.25	7
Canyon De Chelly	28	-2	50	5	0.00	0.06	-0.25	19
Coolidge	47	-3	70	28	0.00	0.08	-0.25	24
Douglas	49	5	79	17	0.07	0.07	-0.26	21
Flagstaff	30	2	57	7	0.19	0.30	-0.47	39
Grand Canyon	22	-5	54	-4	0.03	0.16	-0.72	18
Kingman	40	-2	67	20	0.00	0.00	-0.33	0
Marana	49	-2	67	33	0.12	0.37	-0.02	95
Maricopa	49	-2	69	30	0.00	0.11	-0.11	50
Paloma	49	-4	71	29	0.00	0.00	-0.22	0
Parker	50	-2	74	30	0.00	0.00	-0.23	0
Payson	40	2	62	23	0.16	0.32	-0.45	42
Phoenix	52	-2	67	40	0.03	0.04	-0.23	15
Prescott	37	2	64	20	0.00	0.00	-0.55	0
Roll	50	-4	75	30	0.00	0.00	-0.15	0
Safford	44	2	65	24	0.18	0.18	-0.10	64
St. Johns	32	-1	51	16	0.14	0.18	-0.09	67
Tucson	49	-3	69	33	0.38	0.38	0.05	115
Willcox	42	-1	67	21	0.14	0.14	-0.23	38
Winslow	33	4	52	17	0.12	0.21	0.00	100
Yuma	56	0	72	38	0.00	0.00	-0.15	0

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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